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KEPARATIONS BODY VOTES GERMANY NOW IN DEFAULT

Holds Teutons Have Voluntarily Falled in Wood Delivery.

BRITAIN OPPOSES COMMISSION'S ACT

France, Italy and Belgium Move Together Against London's Advice.

DEEMS ACTION DETRIMENTAL

Berlin's Precurious Pinancial Condition.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—France gained an important victory in the altied re-arations commission today when the sion, by a vote of 2 to 1.

Germany in voluntary
in her wood deliveries for

ce. Beigium and Italy voted in avor of the declaration, while Great britain cast its ballogagainst it. The decision of the commission was immediately communicated to he allied governments for their ac-

arries Our British Policy. te lone vote cast against the dec-tion by fireat Britain was in ac-ation by fireat Britain was in ac-ation with British policy, which been opposed to declaring Ger-y in default in the fear that action might have a disastrous t on the already precarious of tierman finance.

an important point by reason fact that the decision of the saion was arrived at on a narrivet. France had been alone long time in the contention etman, could be placed in volderant by a simple majority lindy's support of France in lioting came as a surprise and indication that Premier Musics swinging over to the French the reparations controversy was partied out more 30 per cent of its schodule of deliveries for this year. When crimen experts were before the scion coveral weeks ago they considered to bave

BRITISH AMBASSADOR

AMERICANIZED CHINESE GIRL DISDAINS WEDDING **CUSTOMS OF ORIENTALS**

Chinatown Gossips When Num Lee's Prospective Bride Fails to Come to His Home for Nuptials, Disappearing From Own Residence on Wedding Day.

ngton train this morning.

Then, along about noon, almond eyed inhabitants of Mott Street, congregated about the Lee home at No. 52, saw two black, shiny wardrobe trunks unloaded and lugged up nive men of the Canton Transfer Com-

trunk, in brave red letters was the legend, "M. Wenn." The trousseau had arrived, but still no bride. A little while later, Lee Quon, tong chieftain and prospective father-in-law, hurried from

IBy Associated Press I
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The twisted streets of Chinatown, which have pulsed with subdued gossiping since Mildred Wenn, 19-year-old Chinese "flapper," ran away from her Washington home Friday, almost on the cyc of her wedding to George Num Lee, scion of one of the best Chinese families of New York, had some added thrills today.

The first came when word was the house, and, according to neighbors, took a train for Washington. This gave added sweep to rumors that the Americanized Mildred Wenn had put her tiny foot down on the hingse tradition that a bride must go to her husband, and had delivered an ultimatum that there would hen owedding unless it was solemnized in her home in Washington.

The elder Chinese of Mott, Pell and Doyers Streets, masking what-

familles of New York, had some added thrills today.

The first came when word was passed that Miss Wenn had returned to her home, and that George Leewhose father is president of the On Leong Tong in the United Stateshad rushed to her on the first Washington train this morning. that invaded their city within

of the disappointed bridegroom and

Wedding Peast Still Unserved.

TAX-EXEMPT BONDS LINERS BATTLE STAND UNTOUCHED GALES IN ATLANTIC

West Virginia's Move Against Fourteen Ships, Battered and U. S. Issues Declared Mis-

taken One.

Scarred, Limp Into New

With Some Still Un-

reported.

One ship-the gigantic new liner

report that she couldn't reach New York until tomorrow, although she

apparently gone safely through

Atlantic to the bottom.

NO LEVIES ARE POSSIBLE BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY

Real Issue Before Supreme Giant Passenger Ships Late, Court Related to Bank Stock Valuing Rule.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—Reports
that Tax Commissioner Hallanan, of
West Virginia, had ordered assessors
in that State to assess all United
States government bonds for State,
county and municipal taxation, and caused court officials today to direct

court's ruling. Basis of Misapprehension. of Kingfisher, which sought to have Court of that state, noting determining the value of the shares of stock of a national or State bank for the purpose of taxation, no deduction would be made on account of capital, surplus and undivided profits of the bank invested in securities which are otherwise exempt from taxation.

Court of that state, noting the value of the shares of stock of a national or State bank last three weeks, appeared to be about last three weeks, appeared to be about. Skippers of the liners said they crashed into them at this point and fought steadily through terrific gales until within 500 miles of the United States.

All of the ships which came into other hand, will attempt to prove a

was invited last week to accompany the secretary on his investigation, because of criticism of conditions at Ellis Island recently voiced in the Eastern City and the Voice Savoic, were overdue. Savoic reported that the court of Okianoma held that in the case of stock in the decay by State or national banks the tax was not against the corporation upon at investigation, because of criticism of conditions at Ellis Island recently voiced in the Ellis Island recently voiced in the Entre crews had been in oilskins all of them reported the surface had been in oilskins all of the form five to day were relighters. All to fit the ships will eshow the day ware freighters. All to fit the ships will recently and ton. In explanation, they declared the state boats on their decks were cruekl

MME. BERNHARDT ANTICIPATES

Three Weeks as She Hopes.

[By Associated Press.]
PARIS. Dec. 26.—The household of Sarah Bernhardt was jubilant this evening over the remarkable improvement shown in the condition of the famous actress. The deep gloom which had settled down upon the family and faithful followers of the star because of her illness was almost entirely dispelled by the continued optimism of the dectors, who have permitted Madame Bernhardt to sit up in her room twice during the last tweets four house.

permitted Madame Bernhardt to sit up in her room twice during the last twenty-four hours.

Expects to Hetern to Stage.

Madame Bernhardt had Christmas dinner last night with the members of her family and a few intimate friends. She ate a small piece of turkey and talked cheerfully and hopefully of her return to the footlights. She was beginning to believe, she said, that she would be spared to act ten yoars more. She confided to several friends that she expected to assume her role in the new Guitry play that was about to be produced when she was stricken, within three weeks.

The produced with five and there was unrestrained rejoicing among the actors and actresses of Paris, many of whom went to her residence with flowers and filled her room with roses.

Many cable messages arrived from American friends and admirers, in-

new Guitry play that was about to be produced when she was stricken, within three weeks.

The physicians smiled when Madame Bernhardt indulged in this three weeks talk, merely saying "perhaps They frankly stated, on the other hand, that the "Divine Sarah's condition was very weak, her long years of hard work on the boards having told upon her and that it was quite to Paris,

Auto Leads in Fatalities.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The automo-hile caused a higher number of sudden and violent deaths in Chicago and Cook County during the past year, than any other agency, according to a report of the coroner's office made public today. Six hundred and forty-one persons were killed during the fiscal year ending October 31, the figures showed.

Ravages on European Side.

Cable and wireless messages told the ravages on the European side. EARLY RETURN TO FOOTLIGHTS

But Physicians Do Not Encourage Her in Belief She
Will Be Able to Resume Place on Stage Within

The Work of the ravages on the European side. Falmouth, England, reported three ships had put in there with broken machinery and another went to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, her englines also damaged. The Belgian steamship Londonier, going to Norfolk, Va., had to stop in Queenstown for repairs. Hallfax reported that the Norwegian freighter Lorentz W. Hansen, which sailed free Same and the European side. Falmouth, England, reported three ships had put in there with broken machinery and another went to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, her englines also damaged. The Belgian steamship Londonier, going to Norfolk, Va., had to stop in Queenstown for repairs. Hallfax reported that the Norwegian freighter Lorentz W. Hansen, which sailed from Swansea, Wales, December 14, with a load of (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3.)

SEEK STRANGER IN SLAYING OF BLINN

[By Associated Press.] STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, Dec. 26.— Efforts to apprehend the slayer or slayers of Charles "Dixie" Blinn, 42, prohibition enforcement officer, are centering about a stranger whose de-scription was secured from Miss Lulu Lyle, at whose home Blins was last seen alive, Chief of Police Blain announced tonight.

According to Chief Blain, Miss Lyle declared the stranger was with Blinn when he called at her home and that she was introduced to him, but could not remember his name. She told police he said he was a Hungarian. In her statement to the police Miss Lyle said Blinn was intoxicated and flourished his gun and said that he was "going to get some one."

ARMENIANS' PLEA BIG NEW EVIDENCE **CLAIMED BY POLICE** IN POLLARD CASE

To Make Sensational Dis- Petition Considered at closures at Proper Time, They Say.

BEFORE GRAND JURY HERE NEXT MONDAY

tion Is Prepared to Go Ahead.

RICHARD E. BYRD WILL ASSIST FEAR TO RETURN TO TURKEY

E. Satterfield, Jr., in Conduct of the State's Side.

been disclosed in the case of omas Pollard, real estate man,

Says Prosecution Prepared.

Chief of Police Sherry said last night that the prosecution is prepared to go shead with the case. He added that some new phases may acvelop which will require investigation, but he knew of no late disclosure or any further probe, so far as the nolice investigation of the case the nolice investigation in the nolice investigation to be heard to the content of the nolice investigation to be heard to the content of the nolice investigation in the nolice investig Says Prosecution Prepared.

Announcement was made by Commonwealth's Attorney Dave E. Satterfield, Jr., yesterday that Richard
Evelyn Byrd, widely known attorney, has been engaged by the slain
woman's brothers and her former
husband, Herbert E. Richardson, Jr., take
to assist in the prosecution. Mr. The Mr. Satterfield is expected to pre-pare the indictment this week. He has a number of affidavits and sev-

grand jury is expected its work within one day. Claims Shooting Accidental. The trial of the case, if there is trial, is expected to last several day

FALL'S RETIREMENT

NEWS TO WASHINGTON

(IBy Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Published reports that Secretary Fall, of the Interior Department, might soon resign from the Cabinet, resulted in a statement by a White House spokesman today, that President Harding has no information about such a move. It was indicated in other quarters that the secretary himself probably would take notice of the reports and issue a statement regarding them, when he returns to Washington from a holiday visit in Virsing in a heavy sea. Scores of motorboats and tugs and a mail airplane, which conducted a search along the American shore of the lake, returned late today without having found any trace of the craft. It was thought a seaman aboard the Gillmore had solved the mystery, as leading, but were later said by an undertaker in Erie to be probable of the lake, returned late today without having found any trace of the craft. It was thought a seaman aboard the Gillmore had solved the mystery, as leading, but were later said by an undertaker in Erie to be probable of the lake, returned late today without having found any trace of the craft. It was thought a seaman aboard the Gillmore had solved the mystery, as leading, but were later said by an undertaker in Erie to be probable of the lake, returned late today without having found any trace of the craft. It was thought a seaman aboard the Gillmore had solved the mystery, as leading, but were later said by an undertaker in Erie to be probable of the lake, returned late today without having found any trace of the craft. It was thought a search along the American shore of the first still exists between the Turks as a solution that the refuse Armenian who are in foreign as the face of Paytosh was badly as the face of Paytosh was badly as the face of Paytosh was been the result of scalding, but were later said by an undertaker. This added to the mystery, as local marine men declared they are at a loss to determine when the turned having found any trace of the craft.

It was only b

FOR HOME LAND IS BEFORE ALLIES

Meeting of Entente Delegations Only.

TURKS IN PROTEST AGAINST HEARING

Chief Sherry Asserts Prosecu- Leader of Fugitive Nation Says 700,000 of His People Are Refugees.

Northeastern Vilayets of C Are Urged as Suitable Location.

[By Associated Press.]
LAUSANNE. Dec. 26.—Armenia
was the storm center of the Near
East conference today. The Turks

decision to allow the Armenians to state their case.

They declared that if the Armenians, who had no efficial standing and represented no independent government, were heard by the conference, there was no reason why the Egyptians or the Irish should not be allowed to present their demands, be allowed to present their demands.

the police investigation of the case is concerned.

Itliam M. Smith, counsel for Polard, could not say last night whether assistant counsel would be engaged by the defense. He asserted that the question of engaging assistant counsel was not a matter for him to decide.

drawal of the British army.

In consequence of the Turkish protest the official meeting of the subject to commission was postponed and the representatives of the inviting powers. Great Britain, France and Italy, sitting alone, listened to the Armenian spokesman, who suggested that a home be established in the northest vilayets of Turkey, which ineast vilayets of Turkey, which in clude historic Mount Ararat, or

section in Cilicia.

It was impossible, he declared, for the proposed Armenian home to amalgamate with the Armenian rermer rublic of Erivan, which had been
Jr. taken over by the Moscow Soviets,
Mr. The Armenians would willingly acwork cept the same relationship with
Turkey as the dominions with Engtoning land. In conclusion he asked for
the soft exemption from military service for
field.

Take Petition Under Advisement. The entente delegates took the rmenian petition under advisement. as they did also petitions from the Bulgarlans and the ancient people known as the Assyro-Chaldeans. Noradunghian Pasha, once Turksh Foreign Minister, presented Armenian plea. He said the tra

A Great Figure—A Great Epoch A Great Story

"CAPTAIN BLOOD"

BY RAFAEL SABATINI Writer of "Scaramouche"

In reading of how Peter Blood, convicted of high treason and sentenced to slavery in Barbadoes, his escape on a pirate ship, and of his sea fights and desperate adventures as a freebooter, the most seasoned novel reader will feel a thrill he has not experinced since boyhood dreams of buccaneers and pirate ships, Spanish gold and

YOU WILL LIKE PETER BLOOD FOR HIS FIGHT-ING SPIRIT AND FOR THE KINDNESS SHOWN THE

WHAT WAS HIS REWARD?

DO NOT FAIL TO READ THIS STORY-STARTING TOMORROW, DEC. 28, IN THE

EVENING DISPATCH

FORMER MAYOR DENIES ALL PART IN MURDERS OF MEN AT MER ROUGE

Dr. B. M. McKoin Discovered in Baltimore When He Signs Hospital Report of Policeman He Treated. Asserts Parker Backing Vicious Element.

"Important. Arrest Dr. McKoin for urder. Hold him for Louisiana au-

Denies Knowledge of Crime. Dr. McKoin denied knowledge of the killing of the two men. "All I know," he declared, "is that both men who were killed were on the bad side —the side of bootleggers, gunmen and

who associated with negro The discovery of Dr. McKoin here

Recovered Frozen to Bottom Commission Decides on Big of Lifeboat on North

Tug and Remainder

the finding today of the lifeboat and the corpse of one of the eight members of the crew of the tug Cornell, which disappeared Thursday, the mystery surrounding the exact fate of the Cornell remains unsolved.

members of the crew will be continued tomorrow. The lifeboat containing the body of Michael Paytosh, fireman of the Cornell, was found on the Canadian side of Lake Erie by the searching tug Q. A. Gillmore, to-

Redy Process to Bent's Bottom.
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be thoroughly investigated. All Cleveland Men. The Cornell left here Thursday for Buffalo, where she was to have been turned over to a Syracuse firm. Ma-rine men are of the opinion that if the vessel had caught fire the men could have got into the lifeboat, which was designed for nine men. No ice cakes large enough to cause serious damage could have been encountered by the tug to sink it, in their opinion. All of the missing members of the crew lived in Cleve

BELIEVE PART OF DENVER LOOT FOUND

is dead and a score or more were reported injured in a fire that was reported injured in a fire that was sweeping the Del-Mar Apartments, on figures, sircet, here late tonight. The livad man is believed to be W. A. Faunce, head of the publishing firm of Faunce & Leland.

Caped through a window, it was pointed out.

Boat Service to Baltimore, \$2.06—York River Line—\$3.00. Save time and money. Travel while the sleep. The she had gone way this morning leaving the first the key with Teresa and telling Southern Railway, 809 East Maiz entry to be sure to keep the door locked.

GOVERNOR PARKER

[By Associated Press.]

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 25.—Dr. B.
M. McKoin, former Mayor of Mer
ftouge, La., who is wanted there in
connection with Morehouse Parish
kidnaplings and the finding of two
mutilated bodies in Lake La Fourche,
was arrested here today at the Johns
Hopkins University-Brady Institute,
where he is taking a postgraduate
course.

The arrest followed receipt of a
telegram from Governor John M.
Parker, of Louisiana, requesting the
local police to arrest McKoin on a
charge of murder. After questioning
by potice officials Dr. McKoin was
lecked up to await further action by
Louisiana authorities.

Other than requesting the local authorities to arrest McKoin, there was
nothing contained in Governor Parker's telegram. It read:

"Important, Arrest Dr., McKoin for
murder, Hold him for Louisiana au"enurged there several days ago that
for McKoin was a student at Johns
Hopkins, and Department of Justice
agents sought to question him. However, university officials denied McKoin was respected as a postgraduate, and statyd several letters had
been received there for him, but, unable to locate him, the letters were
turned over to the Post-office Department as "uniknown."

Dr. McKoin Signs Report.

Early today a policeman was found
on the water front unconscious. He
was removed to a hospital. When
the hospital report reached police
headquarters, it was signed by Dr.
McKoin. It was then that local newspaper men rushed to the hospital and
interviewed him. Up to that time the
telegram from Governor Parker asking for his arrest had not been received. Dr. McKoin spoke freely and ing for his arrest had not been re tempt to conceal his identity.

He stated he has been in Baltimor

since October 1, and had left Mer Rouge after an attempt had been made to assassinate him. Dr. McKoin insisted he was not a member of the Ku-Klux Klan.

Addition to State Struc-

height. This was determined last

night at a meeting of the special

he members was overwhelmingly avorable to the enlarged structure. The commission, therefore, in-tructed Secretary J. P. Jones to no-ify the supervisor.

tify the supervising contractor. John T. Wilson, to conform his plans ac-cordingly, and it is probable that the

This action followed an ex-

BODY OF CORNELL'S OFFICE BUILDING FIREMAN FOUND

Shore of Lake.

MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED SOLONS FAVORABLE

No Clue to Fate of Cleveland Action Taken After Replies to Governor Trinkle Are

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 26 .- With

[By Associated Press]
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Arrest
of two men and two women at a local
hotel tonight led to the scizure by
the police of \$8,300 believed by them
to have been part of the loot obtained December 12 by highwaymen
who held up and robbed a messenger
of the Drovers' Bank, of Kansas City,
Mo., and escaped after a run battle. Mo., and escaped after a gun battle in which one man was shot.

One Dead, Score Hurt in Fire. TOLEDO, OHIO, Dec. 26.—One man

CHARGES M'KOIN IS IN MURDER PACT Former Mayor of Mer Rouge Arrested in

Baltimore. FEARLESS OFFICIAL.

Enforced Law Against Moonshiners Vigorously Until Driven From Home.

HIS FRIENDS ASSERT

YEAR DEATH FROM AMBUSH

Fired On by Concealed Foes; The

[By Associated Press.]

RASTROP, LA., Dec. 26.—The second arrest in connection with the Morehouse kidnaping of last August was made late today when Dr. B. Mayor of Mer Rouge, was taken into custody at Baltimore at the request of Governor Parker, who charged him with murder. The physician was taking a postgraduate course at Johns Hopkins.

The former Mayor is expected to a former deputy sheriff, who is now being held on a similar charge in the Bastrop jail. While the arrest was being made, a detachment of National Guard was reconnoitering along Lake La Fourche for evidence to lead to the arrest of dynamiters responsible for the blasting at a ferry landing last week when the bodies of two men, believed to have been tortured and murdered by masked and robed men, were blown from the bottom of the lake.

Act as Sheriff's Grand.

Act as Sheriff's Guard. During the day Adjutant-General Toombs, suddenly called back from Washington by the Governor, arrived in Morehouse to direct the operations of the three companies of State troops encamped here and at Mer Rouge.

It was persistently reported during the day that all preparations had been made to call out two additional State companies if conditions war-ranted. The State office building now in course of construction in Capitol

Governor Fears Local Clashes meeting of the special having the matter in is action followed an exof replies to question-to members of the Gendy by Governor Trinkle. In the sentiment of the special that the sentiment of the special spec

> The military also was at the dis-The military also was at the diposal of the civil authorities to tal in custody many members of til "hooded mob" whose identity at known to the State, according Department of Justice men.
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> Attorney-General Coco yesterda announced that at least six announced that are six a

Many of the populace

A Federal Investigation into the disappearance of the tug will be started within a few days. Captain Thomas W. Gould, United States hull inspector in the Cleveland district, said tonight, that rumors as to the unseaworthiness of the Cornell will be thoroughly investigated. Description of the tug will be thoroughly investigated. MURDERED IN LOCKED HOUSE

Mother Returns Home and After Policeman Aids Her to Break In, They Find Child Dead, With Bullet Over Heart.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Teresa McCarthy, an S-year-old Brooklyn girl,
was found dead in the bathroom of
her home with a bullet over her heart
when her mother returned tonight
after being away most of the day.

The mother had left the key to the
house with the child and when she
found the entrance door locked on
the inside, summoned a policeman to
force an entry.

No other signs of Injury,
An ambulance surgeon said the
child had been dead about five hours.

He discovered no signs of injury
other than the buller wound.

The police believe it a case of
murder, for the house door was
locked on the inside and there was
no revolver or empty shell found,
after a careful search of the premlises. The murderer could have escaped through a window, it was
pointed out.

As the child mother told her story,
she had gone way this morning leav-